

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒
no ☐

Property Name: Henry S. Michael Farm Inventory Number: F-1-087

Address: 2231 Point of Rocks Road City: Adamstown Zip Code: 21710

County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Point of Rocks

Owner: Urciolo Family Partnership, 6935 Laurel Ave., #100, Takoma Park, MD 20912-4413

Tax Parcel Number: 53 Tax Map Number: 103 Tax Account ID Number: 1101014544

Project: _____ Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This Determination of Eligibility was completed in November 2001 by as part of architectural investigations undertaken on behalf of Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc., for Duke Energy Frederick. The Henry S. Michael Farmstead was inventoried in 1979. At that time, exterior survey of the farmstead was completed. No previous evaluation applying the National Register Criteria for Evaluation has been undertaken for this complex.

The historic farmstead centers on a farmhouse and comprises a bank barn, a dairy, and a milking parlor. The farm complex is located at the end of a farm lane off the east side of Point of Rocks Road (Ballenger Creek Pike). Archival evidence suggests that Henry S. Michael (1807-1875) constructed the house ca. 1850 after he inherited this portion of his father Andrew Michael's farm (b. 1773-d. 1851). Before Andrew Michael's death, this portion of the property was rented to Henry's younger brother Ezra, who later inherited Andrew Michael's home farm. Henry probably was farming the home farm during this period since he was recorded as a separate household in the 1850 census as neighbor to Andrew and Ezra Michael. The tax levies/assessment records located for the time 1840 through 1850 do not detail improvements to real property. The deed and will records suggest that the location of the Henry S. Michael farm was not the Michael family homestead from the late eighteenth century, although the same evidence suggests that Andrew Michael's brother Adam was living on the land between 1795 and ca. 1820. The appearance of the house suggests a later construction date than 1825. Henry Michael was recorded as living in

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Comments: _____			
_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services		_____ Date	
_____ Reviewer, NR program		_____ Date	

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this location on the 1858 Bond Map of Frederick County. In the 1866 tax assessment, Henry Michael was assessed with a brick house and log barn.

Since initially surveyed 1979, the main house exterior has undergone few changes. The five-bay, two-story, common-bond brick dwelling retains its exterior character-defining features of massing, design, and ornamentation. The windows feature original exterior decorative molded wood lintels with exterior projecting corner blocks. The one-story frame porch has been removed from the front (south) façade and west side and a dilapidated wood stoop with concrete steps was added along the west side. The wood-frame windows are the same as in 1979. Interior inspection of the window sashes revealed prior alterations resulting in the removal of all muntins and installation of larger panes of glass. Exterior aluminum storm windows have been added. One of door openings on the west elevation has been infilled.

The house interior features a central hall floor plan. The central hall features an open staircase with a landing. The stair stringers are ornamented with jigsawn scrollwork. The handrail is solid wood and round. The newel posts are turned with square bases and the balusters are square. No original molding or surrounds were visible during inspection of the interior since all the interior walls have been covered with sheetrock. Minor alterations to the floor plan were evident. The first floor east room has new walls inserted into the space to provide storage areas. The first floor room west of the central hall has been subdivided into a bathroom, a storage closet, and a living room. The chimneys remain in their original locations; however, alterations have been made to the hearths and mantels to accommodate the installation of stoves. The mantel of the living room fireplace was poorly built from modern materials.

The kitchen occupies the rear ell. The rear wall that contains the fireplace features a beaded board wall. The fireplace has been altered and a wood stove installed. The exterior door to the west was infilled and the opening hidden behind modern kitchen cabinets and sink.

The second floor of the house retains its original floor plan. A few walls have been inserted to accommodate a short hallway and a modern bathroom. The attic features numbered rafters and no ridgepole.

The agricultural outbuildings currently comprise a barn, a milk house, and a milking parlor. The brick outbuilding located at the rear of the dwelling as described in the 1979 MIHP form was removed. The bank barn with closed forebay is supported by a rubble stone foundation and H-bent framing. The walls are clad with vertical board siding. A sliding wood door is located on the banked (north) elevation. The gable roof is sheathed with a new standing seam metal roof. The interior of the barn is divided into four bays: a mow with two raised mows on the east and a raised mow on the west. The age of the upper wood superstructure of the barn appears to date from ca. 1900, but the foundation probably dates from ca. 1880.

The ca. 1930, one-story, rectangular dairy rests on a concrete slab. The walls are constructed of concrete blocks and the building terminates in a gable roof sheathed with new standing seam metal. The building has two, three panel, wood doors and a vertical board door opening on the south side. Most window openings are boarded over except for one two-over-two-light window on the east end.

The ca. 1930, two-story, rectangular milking parlor rests on a concrete slab with troughs. The walls are concrete block and the building terminates in a gable roof sheathed with new standing seam metal. The building has sliding wood doors on the east and west ends and a single door opening on the north elevation. The windows are covered with corrugated metal.

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The farm house represents the substantial, frequently brick, rural dwellings constructed in Frederick County during the mid-nineteenth century. This period of construction is associated with a general broad pattern in the evolution of farmstead architecture from the log dwellings evident during the earliest period of settlement to substantial brick construction that occurred in this section of the Washington Run valley during the mid-nineteenth century (Criterion A). Few examples of brick construction were noted in this section of the Washington Run valley. Most of the early buildings surviving in this section of the Adamstown region are stone or wood. Other brick buildings in the immediate vicinity are Mount Auburn (F-1-108) and St. Paul's Episcopal Church (F-1-130). Brick construction is more prevalent along New Design Road. The farm house embodies the distinctive characteristics of type, period, and methods of construction from ca. 1850 (Criterion C). The agricultural outbuildings are contributing resources to the property. The main house retains sufficient integrity in its exterior design, overall massing, materials, and interior layout. The complex, though in poor condition, retains sufficient integrity to convey its local historic significance for consideration in the National Register of Historic Places.

The proposed boundary for the property incorporates the setting of the house and agricultural buildings and is defined by tree lines on the east and north side, the property line on the south side, and a topographic line on the west side. The topographic line defines the edge of the plateau on which the buildings sit. The approximate acreage encompassed by the boundary is 29 acres.

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Date Prepared: November 2001

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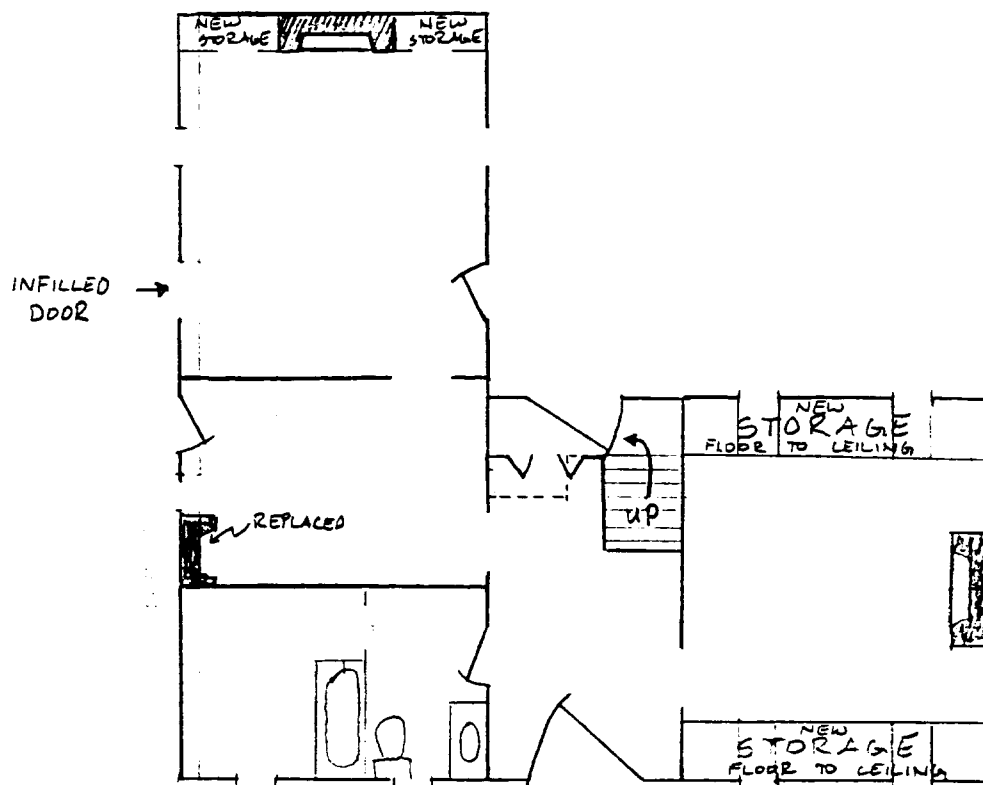
Henry S. Michael House

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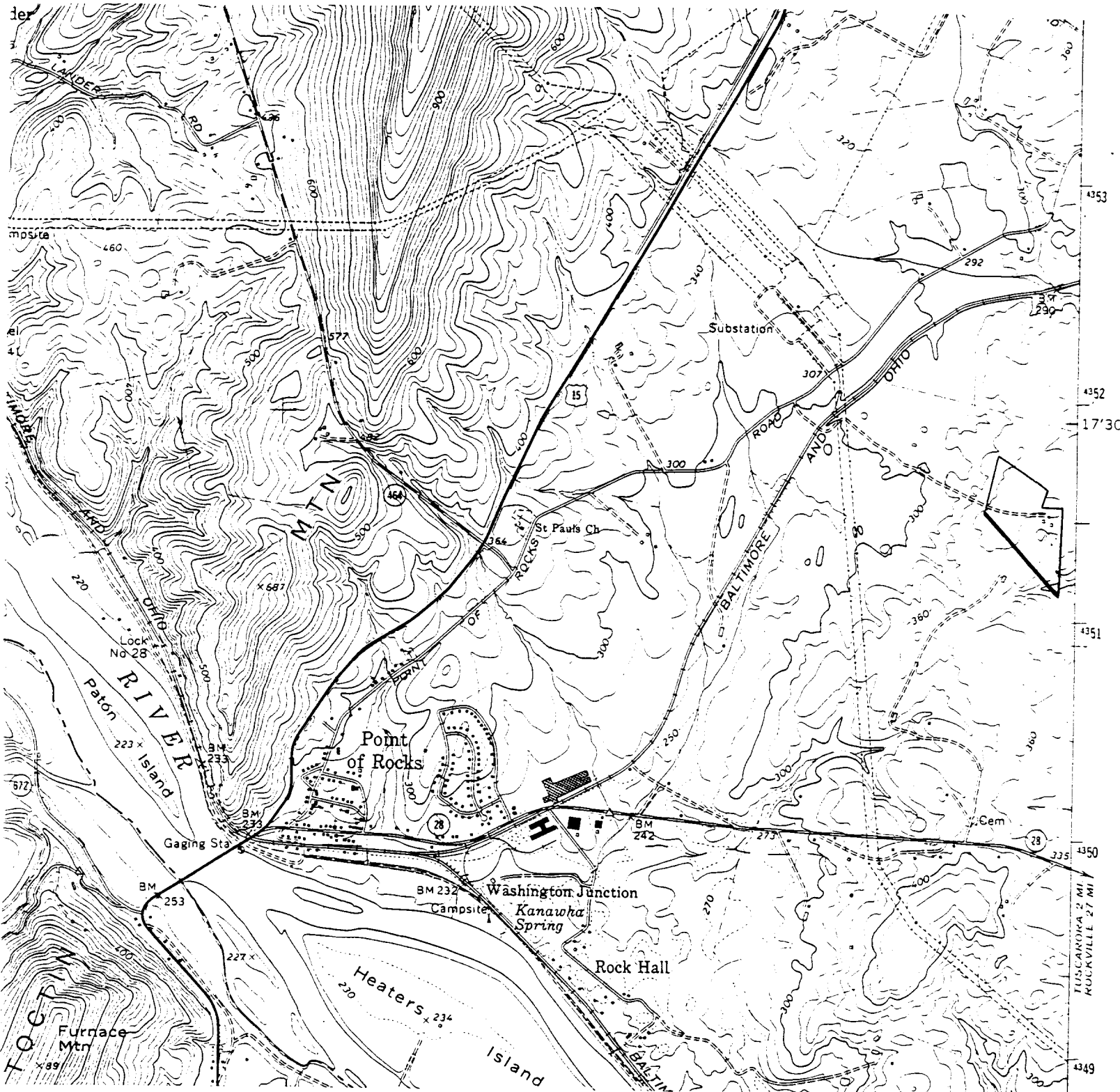
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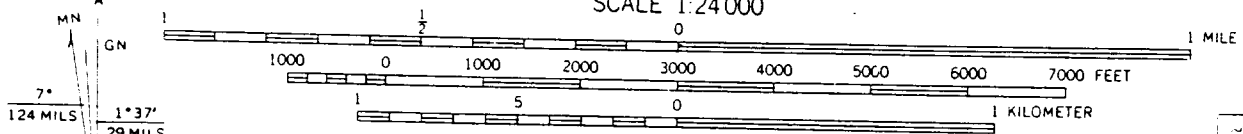


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 Henry S. Michael Farm
 Point of Rock vic.
 Frederick County, MD
 Point of Rocks 7.5' USGS quad

— Property Line
 — Tree Line

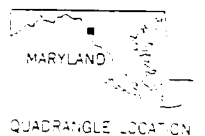


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HENRY S. MICHAEL FARM

FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

BREAN CLEVEN

11/2001

MD SHPO

FACING NORTHWEST SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

BRIAN CLEVEN

11/2001

MD SHPO

VIEW SOUTHWEST NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

BRIAN CLEVEN

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MD SHPO

VIEW ~~SOUTHEAST~~ ~~NORTHWEST~~ ELEVATION

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HENRY S. MICHAEL FARM
FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

BRIAN CLEVEN

11/2001

MD SHPO

DETAIL OF WOOD STOVE OF INTERIOR OF KITCHEN
LOOKING NORTH

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HENRY S. MICHAEL FARM

FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

BRIAN CLEVEN

11/2001

MD SHP6

DETAIL OF FIRE PLACE ON
FIRST FLOOR EAST ROOM
LOOKING EAST

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HENRY S. MICHAEL

FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

BRIAN CLEVEN

11/2001

MD SHPO

DETAIL OF STAIRWELL VIEW NORTH

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FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

BRIAN CLEVEN

11/2001

MD SHPO

BANK BARN LOOKING SOUTHEAST,

NORTH AND WEST ELEVATIONS

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FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

BRIAN CLEVEN

11/2001

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BANK BARN LOOKING NORTHWEST

SOUTH AND EAST ELEVATIONS

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FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

BRIAN CLEVEN

11/2001

MD SHPD

BANK BARN INTERIOR VIEW EAST

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FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

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ca. 1930 BARN S FACING EAST WEST ELEVATIONS

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Circa 1825

Henry S. Michael Farm
Point of Rocks
Private

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According to Williams', History of Frederick County, Hickman served as a sergeant in Company A of the Loudoun Rangers which was a company organized as a special bodyguard for the Secretary of War. He took part in the battle of Monocacy and spent the winter of 1865 in Libby Prison, Richmond, Virginia.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Henry S. Michael Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East Side Ballenger Creek Pike

CITY, TOWN

Point of Rocks

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E.D. 1 M103 P53

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTYNAME Raphael Urciolo
c/o Jos. J. Urciolo Esq.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

501 D Street, N. W.

CITY, TOWN

Washington

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

D. C.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 496

Folio #: 439

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Henry S. Michael Farm

This house is an L-shaped two and one-half story whitewashed brick residence laid in common bond which faces south from the east side of Ballenger Creek Pike.

The principle facade is five bays wide. The main entrance, a replaced door with three light transom is located in the third bay.

Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second level are 1/1 and 2/2 double hung windows with single wood lintels with hipped corner blocks.

A one story frame porch which has been altered and partially enclosed by the addition of novelty siding extends across the entire facade (south side) of the building and west side of the building which is three bays wide.

A two story addition, which appears to date to the same time as the main block of the building extends to the rear of the main block. The rear side of the main block of the building is three bays wide and the addition is two bays wide. The entire first level of the rear side of the building is stuccoed.

The house is built on a low random stone foundation which has been stuccoed. The building is covered by a flank gable roof with slate shingles and three stepped brick cornice. Three brick chimneys rise from the east, west and north gables of the building.

An outbuilding constructed of brick laid in common bond with a three stepped brick cornice and replaced roof is located to the rear of the building. The front of the outbuilding is stuccoed with a single air vent slit in the center of the gable. A large wood lintel is located over the entrance. The use of bricks in the construction of an outbuilding is unusual in Frederick County. A nineteenth century frame bank barn is also located on the premises.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
— PREHISTORIC	— ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	— COMMUNITY PLANNING	— LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	— RELIGION
— 1400-1499	— ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	— CONSERVATION	— LAW	— SCIENCE
— 1500-1599	— AGRICULTURE	— ECONOMICS	— LITERATURE	— SCULPTURE
— 1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	— EDUCATION	— MILITARY	— SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
— 1700-1799	— ART	— ENGINEERING	— MUSIC	— THEATER
X 1800-1899	— COMMERCE	— EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	— PHILOSOPHY	— TRANSPORTATION
— 1900-	— COMMUNICATIONS	— INDUSTRY	— POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	— OTHER (SPECIFY)
		— INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The farm was then inherited by Andrew Michael through Ezra Ramsburg, an heir of Adam Michael.² In 1851, Andrew Michael willed the farm to his oldest son, Henry S. Michael who died, seized and possessed of the land.³ A court case then ensued in 1884, at which time the property was described as follows for a public sale of the farm on October 10, 1885 at Hayden's Store in Adamstown.

"This farm is divided into convenient fields, is under good fencing and the land is of good quality, part being limestone and part red land. It is improved by a large brick dwelling house, a barn and other outbuildings. There is a thriving young orchard of apple and peach trees on the place . . . This is a valuable farm."⁴

The farm remained in the Michael family until 1898 when the 175 acre farm was sold to John P. Hickman for \$5,000.00.⁵

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Williams further states, "Mr. Hickman purchased the place from Marion S. Michael and made it his homestead. It consists of 175 acres of fertile land and modern improvements, beautifully situated along the line of the B & O Railroad a mile and a half south of Doubs, Maryland . . . He has worked hard, paid close attention to business and has made his home one of the most desirable farm properties in Buckeystown District."⁶

¹Frederick County Probate Records, Liber GM 3; Folio 366.
²Ibid., Liber TS 1; Folio 160

³Ibid.,

⁴Frederick County Equity Records, Liber WIP 1; Folio 148.

⁵Frederick County Land Records, Liber DHH 3; Folio 228.

⁶T.J.C. Williams, p. 1107, 1108.

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Williams, T. J. C., The History of Frederick County, Regional Publishing Co.:
Baltimore, Maryland, 1967; 1906 Reprint, pp. 1107, 1108.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

clh

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

2/8/79

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

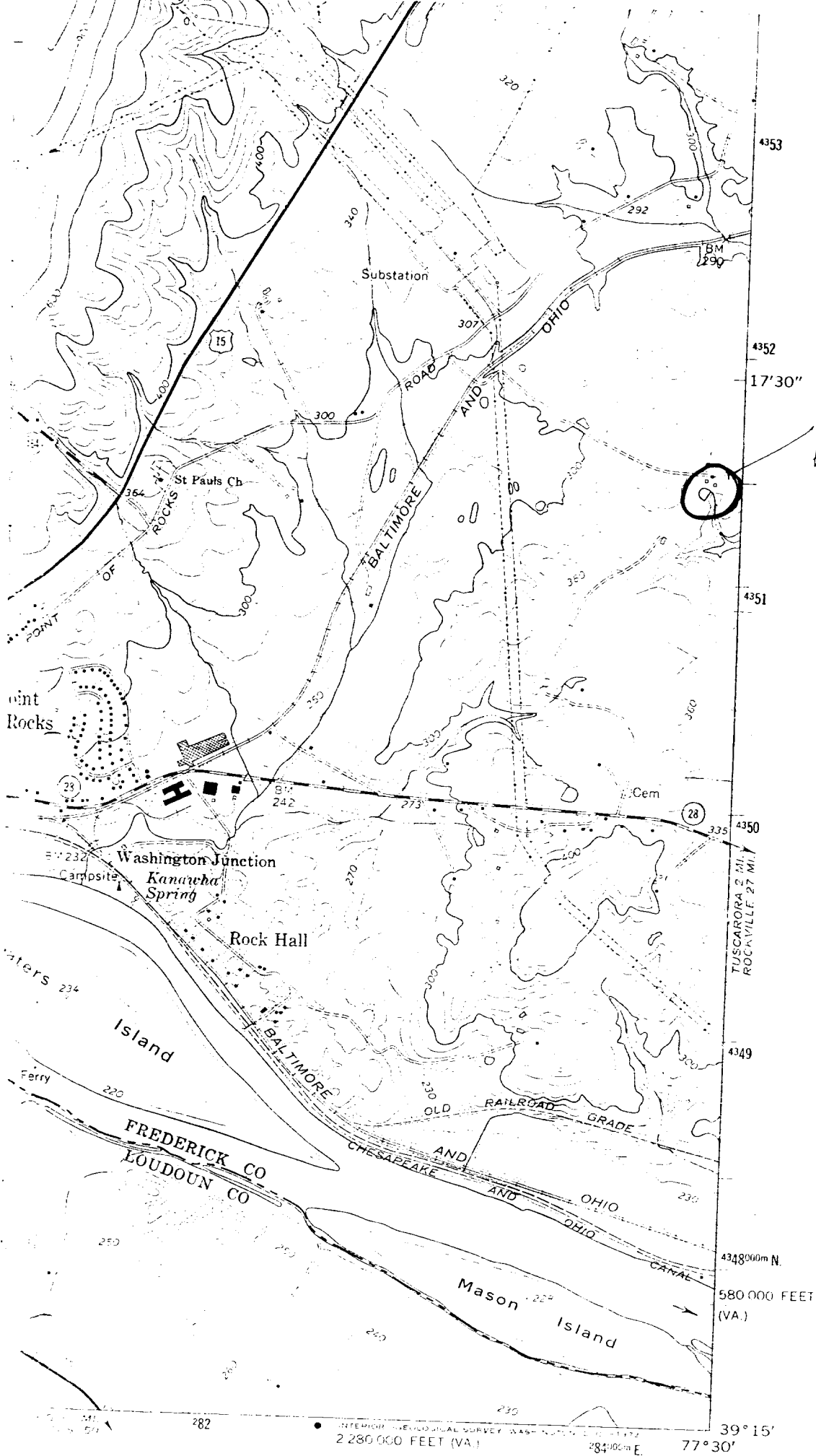
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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HENRY S. Michael
FARM

Primary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or

POOLES
5562



4-87 HENRY S Michael FARM
E/S BALLENGER CREEK PICE

DOWNS

CEW 8/78 SOUTH ELEVATION



P-1-87 HENRY S Michael FORM
E/S BALLINGER CREEK PILE

DOUB3

HIST ELEVATION

CEW 8/78



E1-87 Henry S Michael PARK

E/S BALLENGER CREEK DINE

DOUBS

NORTH ELEVATION

CEW 8/78



F-1-87 HENRY S MICHAEL FARM

E/S BRIDGEMAN CREEK PIKE

DOUBS

OUTBUILDING

CRW 8/78